

Direct Quotes

Example 1 – simple direct quote incorporated as part of a sentence with the in-text reference shown at the end of the quote.

Start of quotation marks followed by the exact words from the source.

Stories were also told about Jesus. Our principal sources come from the Gospels which were written after his death and the evangelists “inevitably saw his life in multiple perspectives: through the climactic events of Passion Week; then through the ensuing generation of (largely unrecorded) reaction, discussion and preaching, and finally in the light of current concerns, both their own and those for whom they were writing.” (Clarke 2003, p.xvii).

End of quotation marks at finish of exact words

In-text reference showing author, date and page number in brackets

Example 2 – simple direct quote incorporated in the middle of a sentence with the in-text reference at the beginning of the sentence.

Try different phrases such as as attested by, in conformity with, as stated by, in the words of etc.

In-text reference showing author, date and page number – note that in this case the name is not in the brackets

According to Grundy (1994, p.2) it is through examining the relationship of the writings of Matthew with those of Mark and Luke “that we discover the outstanding features of his style” and that these features help us to determine features of Matthews theology.

Direct quotation using quotation marks and exact wording. The in-text reference is at the beginning of the sentence.

Example 3 - multiple direct quotes to create a complex argument/sentence

In-text reference showing the author, date and page number of the direct quotations that follow in this sentence

Try other words or phrases instead such as alludes to, implies, indicates, infers, insinuates, intimates, hints, argues, mentions, refers to, signals etc

Secondly, as Keener (1994, p.43) suggests, that although “attributions of authorship in the Gospels are generally based on church tradition rather than evidence from the biblical text” and that “this tradition is usually trustworthy” in this instance it “may be less than reliable (since the same tradition also claims that the original Gospel of Matthew was written in Hebrew, which is not true of our first Gospel)” which was written in Greek.

Indicates that further evidence is to follow

Indicates that there is going to be a contrasting opinion/idea

Signals the introduction of the contrasting opinion/idea

Direct quotations using quotation marks and exact wording

Summarising

Try other words or phrases instead such as announces, declares, proclaims, elucidates, explains, describes, counsels, recommends, advocates, shows etc

In-text reference showing author and date – note that there is no page number as this is summarised from a number of pages from the source document.

These stories are told with multiple intentions and interpretations. **Clarke (2003)** points out that we should be aware, when reading any text from the Bible, of the place, time and events of; the original event; when the story was retold orally; when the stories were set down in writing; when the stories were translated, published and printed. Therefore, when reading these stories one must consider; the context of the life and times of Jesus; the context of the life and times of the evangelist; and how this relates to us today.

Summarised text

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Paraphrase

In-text reference showing author, date and page number.

Try other words or phrases instead such as espouses, favours, supports, exhorts, urges, proposes, advances, offers, submits, proffers, propounds, presents, calculates etc

The paraphrased text

The New Jerome Biblical Commentary (1990, p.658) suggests that Matt.14:22 indicates that the disciples were crossing over to Gentile territory. **Grundy** (1994, p.296) in contrast takes a more literal view and suggests that Jesus sent the disciples to the other side to keep them out of trouble with the Romans, he then goes on to suggest that Jesus dismissing the crowds, plural as opposed to Marks' singular, is indicative of the "largeness of the church" which could be Matthew indicating the growth and inclusiveness of the church.

Indicates that there is going to be a contrasting opinion/idea

Indicates that more evidence is coming

Paraphrased text with a direct quote in quotation marks (not compulsory)